Activities and Events

Some ideas from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) for running activities and events during Antibiotic Awareness Week 2016 (AAW).

Participate in the National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey

The National Centre for Antimicrobial Stewardship is supported by the Commission in coordination of the National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey (NAPS). Healthcare services are advised to visit the NAPS website and start planning participation so results can be available during AAW 2016 to enable local feedback and discussion. If you would like to participate, please contact the NAPS team at support@naps.org.au or visit the NAPS website www.naps.org.au.

Participate in the National Antimicrobial Utilisation Survey Program

SA Health is supported by the Commission to coordinate the National Antimicrobial Utilisation Surveillance Program (NAUSP). Healthcare services which already participate in NAUSP can use their results to enable local feedback and discussion during AAW 2016. If your facility would like to commence participating in the NAUSP please contact the team via email at health.nausphelp@sa.gov.au or visit the NAUSP website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/nausp.

Use the AAW logo

Use the AAW logo in your email signature block, on meeting minutes, and in other correspondence.

Promote AAW on your intranet and screens

Ask your web team to place the AAW e-banner on your intranet page, or include an article on AAW on your staff intranet homepage, linking through to more details about the week and your planned activities. You could ask your IT Department to load the AAW screensaver on to all computers.
Use social media and join the discussion

If your health service organisation has a Facebook or Twitter account, use them to promote the week and your activities. Check your organisation’s social media policy before you begin. Follow the Commission on Twitter @ACSOHC.

Educate staff with these videos

You can learn more about antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship by watching or showing the following presentations, presented by clinical experts:

- **Dr Celia Cooper** (Clinical Director of Pathology and Head of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases) presents *Think Global – Act Local*, a presentation focused on the global problem of antimicrobial resistance, and the role of antimicrobial stewardship in addressing antimicrobial resistance in hospital settings.
- In *Principles of Antibiotic Pharmacotherapy*, **Miss Caroline Chen** (Antimicrobial Pharmacist) outlines different classes of commonly used antibiotics, their spectrum of activity and issues to consider when prescribing and administering these commonly used agents.

Download the AAW presentation

The Commission has a PowerPoint presentation that can be used by health professionals for raising awareness about appropriate antibiotic use and the problem of antimicrobial resistance. You can use or adapt these slides for presentations at grand rounds, or for team, unit or departmental meetings and education sessions. You could include in your presentation some local information, for example, ask:

- a team or department to talk about ways they have improved antibiotic use, including the lessons learned on the improvement journey
- a surgical team to discuss surgical prophylaxis
- an infectious diseases team to give a case presentation focused on management of a specific clinical condition, and how antibiotic stewardship supported patient care
- a nurse and pharmacist to be involved in the presentation to discuss their roles in antimicrobial stewardship as members of the multidisciplinary team.
Target professional groups

Run information sessions with specific professional groups and discuss their role in the appropriate use of antibiotics and antimicrobial stewardship. For example, organise ward-based education sessions with nurses, information session with pharmacists, or run a feedback session for prescribers detailing results of any antimicrobial prescribing audits and highlighting results against the Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard indicators. Consider having junior medical officers complete the online learning modules available from the Commission and NPS MedicineWise at www.nps.org.au/health-professionals/professional-development/online-learning.

Create an information display

Choose a prominent area of the hospital, with resources from the Commission as well as local resources from your hospital or jurisdictional health department, and from NPS MedicineWise. You could also:

- Hand out written material with details of where to find local policies, procedures, and local processes for seeking specialist advice or referral, as well as contact details of antimicrobial stewardship team members.
- Have a range of health professionals rostered to staff the display, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, managers – to reflect the multidisciplinary nature of good antibiotic management.
- Create a display of local information relevant to antibiotic use, for example, antibiotic usage audit results, or local resistance and susceptibility information.
- Follow the creative idea of a hospital that created a mobile AAW trolley. The hospital decorated a trolley with AAW posters, resistance fighter t-shirts, MINDME pocket cards and a quiz entry box. You can move the trolley around your health service organisation throughout the week to promote awareness and discussion among staff members.

Conduct consumer information sessions

Inform consumers (including patients and their carers) about the reasons why antibiotics need to be used carefully, and how they can do so. You can distribute written information to consumers about the Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard, and what it means for patients and consumers. Access consumer

Take the antibiotic resistance fighter pledge

NPS MedicineWise is encouraging all health professionals to pledge to join the fight against antibiotic resistance. A web app on the NPS MedicineWise website allows you to add the suburb of your workplace to the national map of resistance fighters. After making the pledge, you will be able to generate a personalised antibiotic resistance fighter certificate to print and display in your health service organisation, or share in social media networks. Visit www.nps.org.au/hp-pledge.